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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 425

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A RESOLUTION To designate a bridge on State Route 44 in Sullivan County as the "PFC Dave C. Hinkle Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, Since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, One such person was PFC Dave C. Hinkle, who was killed in combat action in Italy on May 31, 1944 during World War II, while serving with the 337th Regiment, 88th Division, United States Army; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hinkle was the only native son from the Hickory Tree Community killed in action during the World War II; and

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners has requested this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 44 in the Hickory Tree Community to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal honoring the memory of PFC Hinkle for his heroic service to Tennessee and our Country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge on State Route 44 in the Hickory Tree Community is hereby designated the "PFC Dave C. Hinkle Memorial Bridge" as a memorial to his valiant service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on State Route 44 as the "PFC Dave C. Hinkle Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if Sullivan County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Sullivan County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Sullivan County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Sullivan County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.